

I am in favor of establishing toll on our highways:

1. It is fair - users pay - non users are not penalized
2. Electronic Collection (EZ Pass) :
  - a) It is safe - not a hazard -( i.e. Stratford Toll argument.)
  - b) No impact on the Environment - No idling cars at toll booths
  - c) Possible to use existing EZ Pass (other states) for administration - no need for Connecticut to administer its' own EZ Pass.
3. Revenue does not fluctuate vs sales tax (which is dependent on the economy).
4. As we shift away from oil to other forms of fuel to power our vehicles sales tax revenue from gasoline sales will decline
5. Most of the users are out of state drivers who avoid buying gas in Connecticut because of our sales tax. Therefore, never contribute to paying their share of the cost of maintaining our roads.
6. The whole Northeast is loaded with Toll Roads so we would fit in.

Please enter my arguments into the debate of considering the establishment of Electronic Tolls.

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